

Short Form Minutes – KAROECHO – 9 JULY 2018

Task Group reports:

Equipment repair and restoration – Jamuel – gave the following info on radios now being restored to operating form (see final paragraph)– these radios are being placed on standby for later installation when KE has need for their use. Texx explained the Kenwood 730's were Kensington installations, and the 740's were El Cerrito. It was also suggested that 3 741's should be placed at the 3 Fire Stations so that common use would be enabled.

The equipment log is now being updated.

Jay Fenton – asked for volunteers to help repair the tower structure for the CCCC repeater in El Sobrante. All the materials and directions will be available but a few strong hands would be appreciated. Contact Jay ([HYPERLINK "mailto:jayrfenton@gmail.com" jayrfenton@gmail.com](mailto:jayrfenton@gmail.com)) if you can help

Outreach/Public Service – members of KE performed Fire Safety Patrols on 2 days in the past 2 weeks. First on a Red Flag day in late June and then on 4th of July. The patrols went from the Berkeley line above Grizzly Peak to the north end of El Cerrito. Howdy, Larry, Rob and Dave all carried out the patrols. Several dead spots were discovered – will be recorded next time.

Equipment installation – two antenna relocations are underway – to place existing antennas at CERT emergency communication locations. The first repositions the K6 antenna from the Horne residence to the CERT K6 ICP location at Colusa Circle. The second will reposition the antenna from the EC Senior Center to the EC9 emergency communication location at Tassajara park.

One of the CERT groups has requested KE assistance in finding a ham with equipment to work with the CERT AC in establishing a communications base.

Ham radio and CERT participation in the Napa Sonoma wildfires – postponed til next meeting.

The two major topics for the meeting were recruiting and emergency drills.

Recruiting – altho new and former members and guests from other areas are now participating in our meetings and call-ins, the recruiting efforts, led by Don and Rob using flyers, newsletters and mailings, have not been as productive as we need. So the group has agreed, after discussion of efforts in other areas (cities) to sponsor an El Cerrito based Ham Cram in the fall. We discussed the Benicia and Walnut Creek recent ham crams and will use info from those to design our own. The ECFD has indicated they can find a large enough site for the all day event. We are exploring the ways we can publicize this event to our local community and will appreciate suggestions of good ways to do that. We will need VECs and

training materials to carry this out. We do intend to make the event open to all, not just our local folks.

Don will provide more information on this in subsequent communications.

Emergency drills – it was noted that the last radio drill for EC/K was in August 2015, and it was agreed that we need to schedule another major drill for the near future. This drill will be led by Don and will be a SET (Simulated Emergency Test), which he has done before in various venues. While there was general agreement on the drill, there was extensive discussion of how we can prepare effectively. Given the amount of skills needed by the participants, pre-test training and practice is essential. And we have, through the Thursday KE net communication, been doing exercises that are part of the needed skill set. These have included multiple net control efforts, message handling, using ICS213 forms, practicing relaying, frequency changes. A good recommendation was for the test leads to provide a list of required radio skills to those who will be participating and then use this as a curriculum for our weekly training exercises after the KE call-in.

Because of the full agenda for the meeting, we need to put on the next months agenda the need to recruit a Secretary for the Executive Board, since Marlene Keller, our previous Secretary/treasurer has ended her attendance in KE meetings.

Equipment summary

- Kenwood TM-733A (dual-bander) S/N 70400466 -- MC-58DM mic, MJ-916
- > duplexer, rig fully working, programmed w/ reserved freq's from Comm
- > Plan (from Hal/Silent Key)
- > Kenwood TM-741A (dual-bander) S/N 30500470 -- MC45DM mic, MX-72H
- > duplexer, rig fully working, programmed w/ reserved freq's from Comm
- > Plan (from Don)
- > Kenwood TM-742A (dual-bander) S/N 41100756 -- MC45DM mic w/ sticky
- > PTT, MX-72H duplexer, disassembled, replacing battery (from Don)
- >
- > Kirkland 750/600 12v lead acid battery, April 2011 date. 30 month
- > warranty. Seems to work and hold charge. Probably needs servicing at
- > the very least. (From Hal/Silent Key)